

GIRLS OF "EIGHTEEN BUNCH" TESTIFY IN ORPET TRIAL

Waukegan, Ill., June 17. — The "Eighteen bunch" had their inning in the game for the life or death of Will Orpet today.

The "bunch"—now only 16 strong—are school girls, chums of Marion, and they came into the big courtroom half laughing, half frightened, and took the stand, one after the other, to aid the prosecution of the youth who wrecked the life of their friend.

Bernice Wells came first to the stand.

"What did Marion say to you when you left the Lambert home the day after the party?" the prosecutor asked.

"Bernice, I am awfully glad you could come." That's what she said," the witness answered. "Then she said she would meet me at Eleanor Double's home the next Sunday."

"But she didn't meet you?" asked the prosecutor.

"She was dead," Bernice answered.

"Did you see Mariongowith Josephine Davis to any other room on the afternoon of the birthday party?"

"I did not."

"Did you see her crying?"

"No."

The rest of the girls were scheduled to follow Miss Wells.

Declaring that the state has failed in every attempt to connect Will Orpet with murder of Marion Lambert, counsel for defense in Orpet's trial today announced they would ask Judge Charles H. Donnelly to take case from jury the minute the state has finished its evidence.

Reported that Celestia Youker, girl to whom Orpet was engaged, had changed her mind and was ready to take the stand for the state.

This decision was reached, it was said, when State's Att'y Dady promised her that, if she admitted her engagement, love letters she wrote Orpet would not be introduced in evidence.

Dady needed her testimony, he said, to establish beyond a doubt what he considered Orpet's motive for desiring to do away with Marion.

The mother of Marion Lambert took the witness stand yesterday to deny the testimony of Josephine Davis that Marion was unhappy. She said the tears her daughter shed on her birthday were caused solely by the fact that Anna Paulson, who had always stayed all night with Marion on her birthday, had to go home, and that up to the last hour she saw her daughter before Marion went to the fatal tryst in Helm's woods she was happy.

To bring out the fact of alleged contradictory statements, State's Att'y Dady has asked Judge Donnelly to call Percy Longland, assistant gardener under Orpet's father on the Cyrus McCormick estate, as a witness for the court. Dady says Longland told him contradictory stories about the cyanide of potassium on the McCormick estate.

He declared Longland had said Will Orpet examined the poison a few weeks before Marion Lambert's death.

TWO ACCIDENTS WHICH THE TRUST PRESS DIDN'T HAVE

Two accidents occurred yesterday. In both cases it would be necessary for the trust press to mention the names of advertisers in printing them. So they evidently tossed them in the waste basket.

Michael Niedermeyer, 27, 719 Langdon st., was killed when an ice box fell on him in the plant of the Bowman Dairy Co. at 857 Fulton st.

George Dickinson, 23, 324 S. Winchester, was crushed to death by a fenderless auto truck owned by the Ward Baking Co. at Plymouth and Taylor.

3,000 pupils in schools of Woodlawn to participate in Boy Scouts' parade. They are trying to get \$10,000 for their organization.